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For Immediate Release:

EIU PROFESSOR, STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN HAZING TELECONFERENCE

CHARLESTON -- Charles Eberly, professor of counseling and student development at Eastern Illinois University, will be one of three featured experts during a national teleconference on hazing, set to take place Monday.

The teleconference, titled "Preventing Hazing in College" and originating from the University of Vermont, will allow viewers to see and hear speakers comment on the negative effects of hazing. The panel of experts will discuss the implications of hazing on campus life.

EIU students Joe Bell of Atlanta and Stefanie Bolling of Rockford will also participate in the event via a satellite uplink from Eastern's WEIU radio/television center. Bell serves as president of Eastern's Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, while Bolling is a member of the university's Delta Zeta sorority.

The two were selected for participation due to their organizations' exemplary character-building and anti-hazing practices.

"This comes as a distinct honor for Eastern Illinois University to have our students and faculty to be selected to participate in this nationwide event," said Bob Dudolski, director of Greek Life.

The teleconference also will feature parent activists, athletic directors and student victims who have implemented effective anti-hazing programs. Shirley Stewart, acting vice

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president for student affairs, has made it possible for Eastern to link up to the satellite conference, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24, in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the University Union.

There is no admission charge, and the public is invited to attend. Those attending the program will have the opportunity to participate in the discussion by phoning in questions and comments to the panel via a telephone hook-up, located in the 1895 Room of the University Union.

Eberly, president of the Center for the Study of the College Fraternity (<http://www.indiana.edu/~cscf/>), also serves as his department's coordinator for the master's degree in college student affairs. He has a long history in higher education in various teaching and administrative capacities, and is an accomplished writer and researcher in the field of higher education. His honors include research grants and the Sigma Phi Epsilon Distinguished Alumnus Award, and he currently serves as chapter counselor of Eastern's Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity (winner of three outstanding chapter awards).

In Spring 2001, the EIU Interfraternity Council awarded Eberly the 2001 Dr. Ralph Weller Award for Outstanding Faculty Contribution to the EIU fraternity/sorority system.

Eberly's 1997 sabbatical as a Visiting Scholar at Indiana University-Bloomington was dedicated to working on an ethnographic study of seven exemplary local Greek chapter advisors who advised outstanding chapters on their campuses.

Indiana University-Purdue University professor Hank Nuwer and Jane Meyer, associate director of athletics at the University of Iowa, will join Eberly on the expert panel. Nuwer, an author of three books on hazing including, "Wrongs of Passage," has been speaking and writing about hazing for more than 14 years. Meyer served as the director of education outreach for the NCAA and oversaw alcohol education programs and the NCAA drug-testing program.

For information about the teleconference, visit the Preventing Hazing in College Web site at <http://learn.uvm.edu/profprog/highered/hazing2001/>.